

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) ~~An~~ In an end-to-end estimation method of the bandwidth available in a ~~client-server~~ connection of client and server established over a packet switching network, the improvements comprising:

computing in a first routine to compute samples of available bandwidth by taking into account ~~the a~~ flow of data packets received by the client and in one RTT time intervals during which the data packets are received if the routine is implemented at ~~the client a~~ receiver side of the client, or by taking into account acknowledgments or report packets received by a sender side of the server sender side and in one RTT time intervals during which acknowledgment or report packets are received if the routine is implemented at the server sender side;

computing in a second routine to compute samples of available bandwidth as ~~the a~~ ratio of the an amount of received data packets over the time interval during which the data packets are received if the routine is implemented at the client receiver side, or as ~~the a~~ ratio of the an amount of the data packets acknowledged over the time interval during which the data packets are acknowledged if the routine is implemented at the server sender side; and

implementing in a third routine that implements a discrete time low-pass filter to obtain a filtered value of the samples of the available bandwidth.

2. (currently amended) The end-to-end bandwidth estimation method according to claim 1, wherein a sample of available bandwidth b_j at time t_j is computed as:

$$b_j = \frac{d_j}{t_j - t_{j-1}}$$